

**Appl. No.** : **10/748,729**  
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

1. At Column 1, lines 6-10 of the specification (US 6,212,259 as issued), please delete the paragraph beginning with “The present...” and ending with “ ...Circuit.” in its entirety, and replace it with the following text:

--The present reissue application is a continuation application of prior application Ser. No. 10/408,030 filed April 3, 2003 of the same title, which is a reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,212,259 issued April 3, 2001 of the same title, which is a continuation-in-part application based on prior Ser. No. 09/370,137 filed on Aug. 9, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,181,777, which is, in turn, a continuation-in-part application based on parent application Ser. No. 09/195,522 filed on Nov. 19, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,188,750.—